

SWAFFHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit an annual Report for the year 1920, which has been drawn up as far as possible in accordance with Circular 168 from the Ministry of Health.

Population 2,894 (Registrar General's figure for 1920).

Area 7,585 acres.

The Market town of Swaffham is situated on high ground about 200 feet above sea level. It is undoubtedly a very healthy and clean little town. The inhabitants are for the most part engaged in agricultural pursuits or in supplying the wants of the neighbouring agricultural villages.

There were 37 deaths (15 male, 22 female) as against 39 in 1919.

There were 65 births (35 male, 30 female) as against 44 in 1919.

Of these 65 births, 5 were illegitimate.

The Workhouse was closed in 1919 owing to the small number of its inmates.

The amount of poor law relief is about the average.

There is a well equipped Cottage Hospital with 8 beds and a resident nurse.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Excellent water is obtained through the Water works from wells about 180' deep. Unfortunately the quantity has not been adequate to allow of a continuous supply and from time to time the water has had to be cut off during certain hours of the day.

DRAINAGE & SEWAGE.

A large proportion of the surface water from the streets etc is carried by separate drains to the ponds on the outskirts of the town, and the sewage by a system of pipes to the sewage pans about two miles from the town, where after being chemically treated it is run into trenches.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No of privies with open middens. 67. There is an isolation hospital

No of privies with covered middens. 168. could be treated by incineration

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DRAINAGE & SEWAGE

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No of water closets. 260.

No of closets re-constructed. None.

No of additional closets (a). Constructed for new houses 10.  
(b). Constructed for old property 1.

Several of the small privies which were in bad repair have been put in good order during the year.

#### SCAVENGING.

This is done by the Council's men and as far as I have been able to observe always in a satisfactory manner.

#### SANITARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.

49 inspections were made during the year. 8 informal notices were served all of which were complied with.

#### SCHOOLS.

The sanitary condition and water supply of the Schools are satisfactory.

FOOD. Milk supply. There are 10 Cowkeepers in the district who sell milk. The cowsheds are kept in a clean and satisfactory manner and the milk supply is adequate.

There have been no proceedings under the Adulterated food Act.

MILK ORDER 1919. There have been orders under this act for the supply of milk free or at reduced cost to expectant and nursing mothers.

MEAT AND BREAD. The slaughter houses and bake houses in the district are kept in a clean and satisfactory condition.

#### NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACT.

(1). There has been only one case of infectious notifiable disease namely that of Pulmonary Tuberculosis which was removed to a Sanatorium for treatment.

(2). There is to my knowledge very little Venereal disease in the District. There is a V.D.Clinic at Norwich where free treatment is provided and where secrecy as to the patients complaint is secured. One or two cases have been sent there for treatment.

(3) No case of small pox has occurred. There is an isolation hospital about a mile out of the town where cases could be treated if occasion arose. The number of exemptions from vaccination is large.

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## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRE.

A clinic is held once a month and the average number of attendances is 14. Each baby is examined and weighed regularly and a record kept of its progress. Any advice asked for or thought necessary is given to the mother.

Assistance in providing tea and entertaining the mothers is kindly given by several ladies.

Patent foods can be supplied at cost price to mothers who require them.

The Health Visitor has followed up      of the 65 births in 1920.

## HOUSING.

A start has been made during the year to build 10 new houses.

The shortage of houses in Swaffham has not I think, been so acute as in many other districts and there is no reason as far as I can ascertain to expect any great change in the population of Swaffham.

## OVERCROWDING.

There is very little overcrowding in the district and the houses as a rule are in my opinion very much better than those in the surrounding villages. The chief defect is the lack of sufficient bedrooms. Most of the houses are in good order and repair.

There is in my opinion no "unhealthy" area in Swaffham.

I have the honour to be Ladies and Gentleman,

Your obedient Servant.

(Signed). H.W.DAVIES.

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Dated 8th April 1921.

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